

Several fatal accidents have occurred due to falling from improperly used scaffolding in the following circumstances:

”The employee went up a ladder leaning against a concrete wall to an upper-floor arch, when the ladder slipped from under him and he fell on to the concrete floor.”

”The employee was working on scaffolding unprotected by barriers when he tripped on pieces of plank and fell over the edge of the platform to the ground.”

”The employee stood on the passenger hoist hand rail to climb over on to a balcony. He lost his grip and fell to the ground.”

”The employee climbed up scaffolding supporting a bridge to the road surface, when his foot slipped and lost its grip and he fell to the ground.”

”The employee climbed up a pile of pallets stacked by himself to reach a job at roof level. The pile collapsed and the employee fell, hitting his head against a concrete wall.”

Scaffolding Day

10 Questions

For the safety of you and your workmate



Ask yourself these 10 questions:

- 1.** Am I using a proper work platform, so that I don't need to take unnecessary risks by climbing up unsteady or unstable structures?
 - 2.** I don't use ladders as a work platform, as such use is forbidden.
 - 3.** Has the trestle or portable scaffolding been assembled on a hard and level surface to prevent it from falling over? **I should also check that its wheels are locked.**
 - 4.** Are the ramp steps, scaffolding work platforms and skirting boards firmly attached to their foundations to prevent them from slipping or toppling over?
 - 5.** Is the ramp stable and secured? Can the hand rail be firmly grasped for support at all points along the ramp?
 - 6.** Are the ramps and work platforms fitted with protective barriers to prevent me from accidentally falling?
 - 7.** Is the scaffolding reinforced and anchored to prevent it from swaying and collapsing?
 - 8.** Are all the scaffolding parts undamaged and locking devices operational to prevent parts from falling off or failing? **I will not overload the scaffolding.**
 - 9.** Should I use a safety harness when scaffolding or protective barriers cannot be used? **Yes, I use a safety harness!**
 - 10.** Should I report all risks and faults to my employer in order to get them fixed?
- I will not go on to untested scaffolding before checking its status from the scaffolding card.**

Recognize the risks – always check the fall protection equipment